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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention      SPINAL NEEDLE SYSTEM

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or  
☒ Application No. 10/616,864, filed on July 9, 2003,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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Signature:      *Vincent E. Bryan*

Date:      11/10/03

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Date:      11.10.03

Inventor three:      Daniel R. Baker

Citizen of:      US

Signature:      *Daniel R. Baker*

Date:      10 Nov. '03

Inventor four:      \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>ELECTION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/616,864
	<b>Filing Date</b>	July 9, 2003
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Vincent E. Bryan
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	170134.401C1

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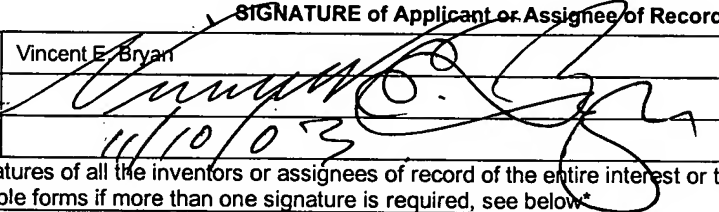
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<b>SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record</b>	
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Date	11/10/03

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